

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Please amend Claims 1 and 3-14 to read as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A document processing apparatus comprising:
document obtaining means for obtaining a document written in a predetermined markup language from a designated source;
rule selecting means for extracting rule identification information from the document obtained by said document obtaining means and for selecting a rule from among a plurality of rules based on the extracted rule identification information, each of the plurality of rules specifying respective sections of voice output contents and voice input candidates in the obtained document;
document analyzing means for analyzing the document obtained by said document obtaining means based on the rule selected by said rule selecting means to ~~fetch~~ extract voice output contents, voice input candidates, and designation information for designating a next processing object corresponding to each voice input candidate, from the obtained document;
voice ~~outputting~~ output means for voice-outputting the voice output contents ~~fetch~~ extracted by said document analyzing means;
voice recognizing means for voice-recognizing ~~the~~ a voice input by ~~the~~ a user; and
~~controlling~~ control means for checking the result of recognition by said voice recognizing means against the input candidates contents ~~fetch~~ extracted by said document analyzing means to control ~~obtainment~~ obtaining of a new document by said document obtaining

means or next analysis by said document analyzing means based on designation information corresponding to ~~the~~ an input candidate matching the recognition result.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The document processing apparatus according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein said rule identification information is a predetermined attribute value of a predetermined tag.

4. (Currently Amended) The document processing apparatus according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein said rule selecting means selects a predetermined rule if said rule selecting means cannot extract the rule identification information ~~is not described in~~ from the obtained document.

5. (Currently Amended) The document processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said document analyzing means ~~fetches~~ extracts as ~~said the~~ designation information a source from which a next document is obtained.

6. (Currently Amended) The document processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said document analyzing means ~~fetches~~ extracts an analyzed range of a next document as ~~said the~~ designation information.

7. (Currently Amended) The document processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said rule selecting means selects a rule based on instructions from a the user.

8. (Currently Amended) The document processing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein a priority is given to a predetermined one of the ~~rule~~ rules based on ~~said the~~ user's instructions and the rule based on the rule identification information ~~described in the document obtained~~ extracted by said ~~document obtaining~~ rule selecting means, and said rule selecting means selects the rule ~~of~~ to which the priority is given.

9. (Currently Amended) The document processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ plurality of rules includes a rule which defines a predetermined attribute value of a predetermined tag as voice output contents, and contents surrounded by predetermined second tags as input candidates, in ~~said the~~ document.

10. (Currently Amended) The document processing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein in ~~said the~~ rule, if ~~said the~~ recognition result matches an input candidate, contents ranging from the contents surrounded by said second predetermined tags which correspond to the input candidate up to a third predetermined tag are defined as next voice output contents, and an anchor in the voice output contents is defined as a next input candidate.

11. (Currently Amended) The document processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ plurality of rules includes a rule which defines contents ranging from

the head of ~~said~~ the document to a predetermined tag as voice output contents, and an anchor in the voice output contents as an input candidate.

12. (Currently Amended) The document processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the voice input and voice output are performed through a telephone line.

13. (Currently Amended) A document processing method comprising:
a document obtaining step of obtaining a document written in a predetermined markup language from a designated source;
a rule selecting step of extracting rule identification information from the document obtained in said document obtaining step and for selecting a rule from among a plurality of rules based on the extracted rule identification information, each of the plurality of rules specifying respective sections of voice output contents and voice input candidates in the obtained document;
a document analyzing step of analyzing the document obtained in said document obtaining step based on the rule selected in said rule selecting step to ~~fetch~~ extract voice output contents, voice input candidates, and designation information for designating a next processing object corresponding to each voice input candidate, from the obtained document;
a voice outputting step of voice-outputting the voice output contents ~~fetched~~ extracted in said document analyzing step;
a voice recognizing step of voice-recognizing ~~the~~ a voice input from ~~the~~ a user;
and

a ~~controlling~~ control step of checking the result of recognition ~~by~~ obtained in said voice recognizing step against the input candidates ~~fetch~~ extracted in said document analyzing step to control ~~obtainment~~ obtaining of a new document ~~by~~ in said document obtaining step or next analysis ~~by~~ in said document analyzing step based on designation information corresponding to the an input candidate matching the recognition result.

14. (Currently Amended) A computer-executable program for controlling a computer to perform document processing, said program comprising codes for causing the computer to perform:

a document obtaining step of obtaining a document written in a predetermined markup language from a designated source;

a rule selecting step of extracting rule identification information from the document obtained in said document obtaining step and for selecting a rule from among a plurality of rules based on the extracted rule identification information, each of the plurality of rules specifying respective sections of voice output contents and voice input candidates in the obtained document;

a document analyzing step of analyzing the document obtained in said document obtaining step based on the rule selected in said rule selecting step to ~~fetch~~ extract voice output contents, voice input candidates, and designation information for designating a next processing object corresponding to each voice input candidate, from the obtained document;

a voice outputting step of voice-outputting the voice output contents ~~fetch~~ extracted in said document analyzing step;

a voice recognizing step of voice-recognizing ~~the~~ a voice input from ~~the~~ a user;
and
a ~~controlling~~ control step of checking the result of recognition ~~by~~ obtained in said voice recognizing step against the input candidates ~~fetches~~ extracted in said document analyzing step to control ~~obtainment~~ obtaining of a new document ~~by~~ in said document obtaining step or next analysis ~~by~~ in said document analyzing step based on designation information corresponding to ~~the~~ an input candidate matching the recognition result.

15. (Original) A computer-readable storage medium for storing the program according to claim 14.